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The Honorable Sue L. Robinson United States District Court District of Delaware 844 King Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company v. Mechanical Integrity, Inc.,

C.A. No. 07-346 (SLR)

Dear Judge Robinson:

In anticipation of the scheduling teleconference in the above-referenced matter, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 8:30 a.m., enclosed please find the parties' proposed scheduling order. The parties are in agreement with respect to the details and dates set forth in the proposed order.

Respectfully,

(Delaware Bar I.D. 4085)

Enclosure

cc: Clerk of the Court (Electronic filing via CM/ECF) Louis J. Rizzo, Jr., Esq. (via U.S. mail)

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS AND COMPANY,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	C.A. No. 07-346 SLR
MECHANICAL INTEGRITY, INC.,)	
Defendant.)	

SCHEDULING ORDER

At Wilmington this _____ day of August, 2007, the parties having satisfied their obligations under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f), and the Court having conducted a pretrial scheduling conference pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and D. Del. LR 16.2(a) and (b).

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. **Pre-Discovery Disclosures**. The parties have exchanged the information required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) and D. Del. LR 16.2.

2. Discovery.

- (a) Discovery will be needed on the following subjects, based on facts and circumstances developed during discovery:
 - (i) Facts and circumstances surrounding Defendant's inspections of the chloroform pipeline in DuPont's Louisville, Kentucky facility;
 - (ii) Facts and circumstances establishing the condition of the chloroform pipeline in DuPont's Louisville, Kentucky facility during the relevant time period;
 - (iii) Facts and circumstances establishing DuPont's damages; and

- (iv) Facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations in the Complaint, Answer, and Affirmative Defenses, filed in this action.
- (b) All fact discovery shall be commenced in time to be completed by February 29, 2008.
- (c) Maximum of **forty** (40) interrogatories by each party to any other party.
- (d) Maximum of twenty-five (25) requests for admission by each party to any other party.
- Maximum of ten (10) depositions by Plaintiff and ten (10) by (e) Defendant.
- (f) Each deposition limited to a maximum of seven (7) hours unless extended by agreement of parties.
- Reports from retained experts under Rule 26(a)(2) on issues for (g) which any party has the burden of proof due by March 14, 2008. Rebuttal expert reports due by May 14, 2008.
- (h) **Discovery Disputes**. Any discovery dispute shall be submitted to the Court pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37. During the course of discovery, each party is limited to two (2) Rule 37 motions. The Court shall make itself available, however, to resolve through a telephone conference, disputes that arise during the course of a deposition and disputes related to entry of a protective order.

- 3. Joinder of other Parties, Amendment of Pleadings, and Class Certification. All motion to join other parties, amend the pleadings, and certify a class action shall be filed on or before November 2, 2007.
- 4. **Settlement Conference**. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, this matter is referred to a Magistrate Judge for the purposes of exploring the possibility of alternative dispute resolution (ADR).
- 5. **Summary Judgment Motions**. All summary judgment motions shall be served and filed with an opening brief on or before **May 30, 2008**. Briefing shall be pursuant to D. Del. LR 7.1.2. No summary judgment motion may be filed more than **ten** (10) days from the above date without leave of the Court.
- 6. Applications by Motion. Any application to the Court shall be by written motion filed with the clerk. Unless otherwise requested by the Court, counsel shall not deliver copies of papers or correspondence to Chambers. Any non-dispositive motion shall contain the statement required by D. Del. LR 7.1.1.
- 7. Motions in Limine. All motions in limine shall be filed on or before <u>[two weeks before pretrial conference]</u>. All responses to said motions shall be filed on or before <u>[one week before pretrial conference]</u>.

9.	Trial.	This matter is	scheduled	for a four-	day jury trial	commencing	g on
		, 2008 in (Courtroom	6B, Sixth	Floor Feder	al Building,	844
King Street,	Wilming	gton, Delaware.	For purp	oses of cor	npleting pret	rial preparati	ons,
the parties sh	ould pla	an on being allo	cated a to	tal number	of hours in	which to pres	sent
their respectiv	ve cases.						
	SO OF	RDERED this	_ day of			, 2007.	
				United States District Judge			